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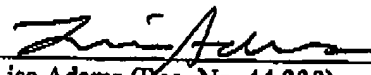
Dear Sir:

Applicant submits the following remarks in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 27, 2006.

The Examiner comments on the reasons for allowance by, *inter alia*, stating that "Claim 38 includes radial channels such as elements 23 and 25 in figure 2(a)." Applicant notes that claim 38 recites "at least one radial channel." Applicant further notes that elements 23 and 25 are merely examples of radial channels, and are not intended to limit the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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